

EPA Accepting Comments

on the

Cleanup Plan for Allied Landfill – Operable Unit 1 Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site

Kalamazoo, Michigan

Public Meeting: Nov. 12, 6 p.m. Comment Period: Sept. 30 – Dec. 1, 2015

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently issued a proposed plan to clean up contaminated material at Allied Paper Landfill, a former landfill in part of the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Site called Operable Unit 1. Written comments on the proposed plan can be sent between Sept. 30 and Dec. 1, 2015 in these ways:

- Submitted at the public meeting on Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Washington Writers' Academy cafeteria, 1919 Portage St., Kalamazoo.
- By mail to: Diane Russell, Community Involvement Coordinator, U.S. EPA Region 5 804 S. Hamilton St., Suite 111, Saginaw, MI 48602.
- Via the Web at: www.epa.gov/region5/cleanup/alliedpaper/pubcomment.html.
- Fax to: 989-401-5508.

EPA officials will make a formal presentation and accept written and oral comments at a **public hearing** at 6 p.m. on **Thursday, Nov. 12**, at the Washington Writers' Academy, 1919 Portage St., Kalamazoo. U.S. EPA will make its plan final only after reviewing all comments. The proposed cleanup plan may be modified based on new information or public comments so your opinion is important.

EPA is recommending a cleanup plan that includes consolidating and capping material containing PCBs and other contaminants, and installing a groundwater monitoring network. Areas of the former landfill would be available for future reuse and redevelopment.

EPA will also be available to answer questions and participate in a discussion with the community at two Community Roundtable events:

- Thursday, Oct. 15, 6 p.m. at the Washington Writers' Academy or
- Thursday, Oct. 22, 6 p.m. at the Hispanic American Council, St. Joseph Parish Gymnasium, 930 Lake St., Kalamazoo. A translator will be available for Spanish-speaking members of the community.

More information is available at www.epa.gov/region5/cleanup/kalproject/pubcomment.html.

For questions or special accommodation, contact Diane Russell, EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator, at russell.diane@epa.gov or 989-401-5507, 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., weekdays.